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In re Application of Rainer Heintzmann et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,515

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR OBJECT IMAGING

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, using clean copies of the Specification and Claims and also marked-up versions of such, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification (Marked-Up Version)

Before the first paragraph on page 1, please insert the following heading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Before the second paragraph on page 1, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1 with the following:

The resolution capability of optical imaging systems is often decisively determined by the object-side aperture of an objective lens and its index of refraction. Light going out from an object can only be detected if it hits the objective within the acceptance angle of the objective. The higher the resolution capability is, the higher the space frequencies of the object structure to be imaged which can be detected. The detection of the space frequencies is described by the light-optical transfer function or modulation transfer